

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 9 and 28-31 are objected because of the some informalities and claims 10-12 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In response, claims 1 and 4 have been combined and the limitations of claim 4 have also been added to independent claim 15. All objections and §112 rejections have also been addressed in the amendments to claims 1, 8-9, 15, 23-24, 28-29 and 31. Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-28 stand rejected; claims 4, 8 and 29-31 stand objected to; in response, claims 3-4 and 30 have been cancelled and the limitations of now-cancelled claim 4 have been added to independent claim 1 and the limitations of now-cancelled claim 30 have been added to independent claim 15 to render the remaining pending claims 1-2, 5-29 and 31 allowable in accordance with page 23, paragraph 17 of the Office Action.

An early Action indicating the allowability of this application is respectfully requested. The fee for the extension of time is submitted herewith along with the fee due in connection with the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

The Patent Office is authorized to deduct any additional fees that may be due from Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Dated: July 21, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By

Michael R. Hull

Registration No.: 35,902

MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6300

Sears Tower

Chicago, Illinois 60606-6357

(312) 474-6300

Attorney for Applicant